

# St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

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#### Newsletter: Autumn Term 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to St John's, and wish you a happy new year. I do hope that you all had a peaceful and happy Christmas, and are looking forward to 2016 with great excitement. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to pass on our huge thanks for the many cards and presents which we received before we broke up for the Christmas holidays.

Have a lovely week, Mrs Mumby

#### **Class Newsletters**

As we begin the Spring term, each child will be coming home with a class newsletter from their teacher. This newsletter will outline what the children will be learning across the Spring term, and key information such as homework and PE days.

#### <u>KIRFs</u>

Each child from Year 1 to Year 6 should have brought home their Key Instant Recall Facts sheet (KIRFs) last night. This sheet outlines what you should be focussing on in terms of mental recall strategies with your child across Spring 1. There are some top tips also for how to make the learning of these more fun and accessible to your child. If you require further support and advice regarding how to teach and support your child with these number facts, please call in and see your child's teacher.

#### <u>Uniform</u>

As we begin the new year, may I take this opportunity to remind you of the uniform expectations. All children do need to have a pair of black pumps in school. These need to be in a good condition as they are worn indoors throughout the day. Children are not permitted to wear trainers, other than for outdoor PE. Children must wear sensible black shoes to school. Please also ensure that your child has a suitable warm and waterproof coat at all times.

## <u>Stay & Play at St John's Church Hall - Launch</u> <u>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016</u>

Please see the following notice from Catholic Care...

As part of our Gianna project, Catholic Care will be supporting the Parish in delivering a stay and play group starting on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 9.15-11.15am in the newly refurbished St John the Baptist Church Hall. The sessions will include singing, reading stories, messy play, soft play and interactive skills sessions. Healthy snacks and refreshments will also be available. This will be a great venue for parents and carers to socialise and to seek guidance and support if required. The group will run every Tuesday 9.15-11.15 it is open to all parents and carers in the Parish and school community so please do come along and join us! We will be looking for volunteers which will be an excellent opportunity for parents and carers to perhaps learn new skills and have a valuable addition to their CV. If you are interested please phone 0113 388 5400 or visit Catholic Care's website www.catholiccare.org.uk

#### **Gold Book Assembly**

The next Gold book assembly will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm. The following children have made it into the Gold Book this week. We are very proud of them, and their achievements:

Lunchtime Awards – Max Herbert and Jacob Mann

Late Foundation – Aston Micklethwaite and Jak Sandom

Year 1 – William Santos and Freya Machin

Year 2 – Emilie Place and Tommy Lister

Year 3 – Lennon Weeks and Theodore Cassidy

Year 4 – Caitlin Webb and William Ripley-Hill

Year 5 – Grace Ashurst-Bagshaw and Arun Purewal

Year 6 – Maddy Grinsill and Luke Ashcroft

## <u>100 Club</u>

Congratulations to the Christmas winner of the 100 club, Helen Brown (No. 17)

There are still some numbers available for the 100 club. If you would like to buy a number, please call into the school office.

### School and Class Masses

All parents, parishioners and friends of the school are welcome to join us for school and class Masses.

Class Masses take place on a Thursday at 9.15am, in the school hall, unless otherwise indicated. Classes leading the class Masses are indicated:

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January – Year 1 and Year 4 class Mass, 9.15am in school

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January** – Year 2 and Year 6 class Mass, 9.15am in school

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 3 and Year 5 class Mass, 9.15am in school

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February** - Year 1 and Year 4 class Mass, 9.15am in school

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Year 2 and Year 6 class Mass, 9.15am in school Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Year 3 and Year 5 class

Mass, 9.15am in school Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Year 1 and Year 4 class

Mass, 9.15am in school

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March - Year 2 and Year 6 class Mass, 9.15am in school 18th March – Whole school Easter Mass, 10am Parents invited

## **Diary Dates**

15<sup>th</sup> January – Y3 Indoor athletics, St Wilfrid's **21<sup>st</sup> January** – Young Voices at Sheffield Arena 1<sup>st</sup> February – SATs Quiz Night, 5pm All Parents invited W.B. 1<sup>st</sup> February – RE themed week 'The Family' 26th February – Good Shepherd Appeal fundraising day 3rd March – World Book Day 4th March – Year 2 multi-skills, St Wilfrid's 7th March - Netball tournament at St Wilfrid's, 4-6pm 8th March – Year 4 skipping festival, St Wilfrid's 11th March – Y6 Mixed Tag rugby W.B. 14th March – 'Journey towards Holy Week' 14th March – LF/Y1/Y2 Palm Sunday reflection, 2.45pm Parents invited 15th March – Y3/Y4 Last Supper reflection, 2.45pm Parents invited 16th March – Y5/Y6 Good Friday reflection, 2.45pm Parents invited 16th March - Y5 Lenten Workshop, St Thomas-a-Becket's 18th March – School closes, 3.15/3.20pm 4th April – School re-opens 11th April – Parent's Evening, 3.30-6pm 13th April – Parent's Evening, 3.30-6pm

Monday	Tuesday	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Meatballs and	Salmon nuggets	Roast turkey and	Steak and potato	Fish fingers and
Yorkshire pudding	and parsley sauce	stuffing	pie	parsley sauce
Pasta in tomato	Vegemince	Vegetable curry,	Vegemince	Cheese and onion
and basil sauce	enchiladas	rice and naan	bolognaise and	savoury
and tomato bread		bread	wholemeal pasta	
	Cheese jacket			Tuna jacket
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## Lunchtime Menus for Week Beginning 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016